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## REMARKS

### Allowed and Allowable Claims

Applicants appreciate the acknowledgment that claim 35 is allowed and claims 17, 18, and 27 are allowable. 7/2/04 Office Action, Office Action Summary. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's clarification, in a 7/22/04 phone call, that the Detailed Action's description of claims "17, 18, and 28" as allowable should have read "17, 18, and 27". 7/2/04 Office Action, page 4, first full paragraph.

Applicants have rewritten claims 17, 18, and 27 in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants request the allowance of Claims 17, 18, and 27.

### Other Claim Amendments

Claims 2, 4-16, 19-26, and 28-30 have been amended to depend directly from allowable claim 27. As a result of these amendments, claims 3, 31, and 32 also now depend ultimately from claim 27.

Claims 33 and 34 have been amended to add the claim 27 limitation that "the microemulsion has a pH of about 2 to about 8".

Thus, all rejected claims have been amended to include or further limit the limitations of allowable claim 27.

### Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-16, 19-26, and 28-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,996,366 to Tinucci et al. (hereinafter "Tinucci") and U.S. Patent No. 5,814,678 to Randolph (hereinafter "Randolph") in combination. Applicants note that claim 27 is patentable over Tinucci and Randolph. As noted above, claim 1 has been canceled, and all other rejected claims now depend ultimately from claim 27 (claims 2-16, 19-26, and 28-30) or include or further limit all of the limitations of claim 27 (claims 33 and 34). Claims 2-16, 19-26, and 28-34 are

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therefore patentable over Tinucci and Randolph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-16, 19-26, and 28-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tinucci and Randolph.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' Attorneys.

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